

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

With entry of this Amendment, claims 1-30, 49-51 and 55-57 are canceled. Claims 31, 34, 41, 43, 44, 48, 54, 60, 61, and 63 are amended. Claims 65-106 are added. Therefore, claims 31-48, 52-54, and 58-106 are pending with entry of this amendment.

II. Support for the Amendments

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, original claims, title and drawings. For example, amended claim 41 finds support in paragraph 26 of the specification. The amendment to claim 48 is supported in paragraph 31 of the specification. Support for the amendment to claim 54 can be found in paragraphs 18 and 32 of the specification. Support for new claims 65-66 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 22 of the specification. Support for new claim 67 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 38-44. Support for new claim 68 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 45-52. Support for claims 69-70 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 48. Support for claim 71 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 94. Support for claim 72 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 17. Support for claim 73 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 35-36. Support for claim 74 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 94. Support for claims 75 and 77-80 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 17. Support for claim 76 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 35-36. Support for claims 81-82 can be found in paragraph, e.g., 18. Support for claims 83-85 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 19. Support for claims 86-88 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 20. Support for claims 89-90 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 21. Support for claim 91 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 23. Support for claim 92 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 96. Support for claims 93-94 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 22. Support for new claim 95 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 118. Support for claim 96 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 127. Support for claims 97 and 99-100 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 17. Support for claim 98 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 35-36. Support for claim 101 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 96. Support for claim 102 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 118. Support for claims 103-104 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 18. Support for claim 105 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 127. Support for claim 106 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 129. No new matter is added with this Amendment.

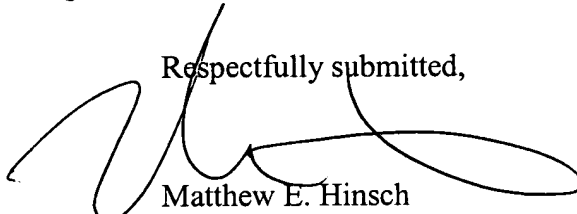
The amendments to the specification merely correct typographical errors and do not change the substance of the specification. The article "a" is removed in paragraph 24 to correct grammar. The sentences deleted in paragraph 73 are an exact repeat of the following sentences in the paragraph. Paragraph 127 is amended to correct a spelling mistake. Thus, no new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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